

Application Serial No. 10/811,768
Reply to office action of October 17, 2007

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-13 are pending before this amendment (claims 1-9 and 14-23 have been withdrawn in response to the examiner's earlier restriction requirement). By the present amendment, claim 10 is amended. No new matter has been added.

In the office action (page 2), claims 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,586,827 (Takeuchi).

In the examiner's interview conducted on January 9, 2008 at 1:30 P.M. ET, the examiner has agreed that the following amended claim 1 overcomes the current rejection:

--a base layer that is disposed in contact with the insulating layer of the substrate layer, said base layer having an opening formed at a portion corresponding to the electronic component to accommodate an externally provided semiconductor element within the base layer--

Accordingly, Takeuchi does not teach claim 1 as amended, which now includes the agreed upon limitation --within the base layer--.

As to claims 11-13, the applicants submit that these claims are allowable at least since they depend from claim 10, which is now considered to be in condition for allowance for the reasons above.

For the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 10-13 pending in this application are in condition for allowance over the cited reference. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

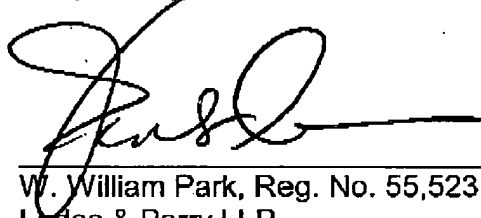
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When issuance of a Notice of Allowance is proper in the next action, the examiner is authorized to cancel the withdrawn claims 1-9 and 14-23, for which the applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications.

This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the office action. Should the examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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